

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John M. Payne et al.

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For: CONTACT ALERTS FOR UNCONNECTED USERS

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Washington, D.C. 20233

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above referenced Application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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---CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 08/970,655, filed November 14, 1997.---

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 - 12.

Please add new claims 13-28.

(13.) (New) A method for connecting users to a first communication network, comprising:

providing an address service connected to the first communication network on which a user may register a name and an associated address on a second communication network;

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